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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

### DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on June 23, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicant has not submitted a complete reply to the Request for Information (37 CFR § 1.105), which accompanied the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 1, 2006. See 37 CFR 1.111.

The Applicant was required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide information that the Examiner has determined to be reasonably necessary to the examination of this application. Specifically, the Applicant was required to complete the background description in the disclosure by documenting the process and procedure used by GE prior to application to identify "analog touchpoints" for replacement with e-business processes. The Applicant was also required to identify products and services embodying the disclosed subject matter and identify the properties of similar products and services found in the prior art, and provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

From the MPEP:

**704.12(b) What Constitutes a Complete Reply**

A complete reply to a 37 CFR 1.105 requirement is a reply to each enumerated requirement for information giving either the information required or a statement that the information required to be submitted is unknown and/or is not readily available to the party or parties from which it was requested. There is no requirement for the applicant to show that the required information was not, in fact, readily attainable, but applicant is required to make a good faith attempt to obtain the information and to make a reasonable inquiry once the information is requested.

Also see MPEP 714.03, 37 CFR 1.135(c)

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272 6971. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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